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700 Opening Message (first part):

This system provides information about quota managed species, including current quota levels and projected closing dates, regulations and fishermen and dealer requirements for each species.

701 Opening Message (second part):

Press 1 for information about striped bass, 2 for summer flounder or fluke, 3 for black sea bass, 4 for scup, 5 for bluefish, 6 for spiny dogfish, 7 for squid, 8 for cod or simply hang up to exit.

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CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS WEEK ARE COLORED IN RED.

STRIPED BASS

710 Striped Bass – Top Level: May 7, 2003

This is the menu to hear information about striped bass. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

- 1 for current quota levels and projected closing dates
- 2 for commercial fishery regulations
- 3 for commercial fishery reporting requirements
- 4 for dealer reporting requirements
- 5 for recreational fishery regulations
- or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.

You may simply hang up to exit.

711 Striped Bass – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:

This message was recorded on: July 16, 2003

The 2003 Striped Bass commercial quota is 1,035,880 lbs. As of week ending July 12 landings have reached 217,551 pounds.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about striped bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

712 Striped Bass – Commercial Fishery Regulations:

The commercial minimum size limit for striped bass is 34 inches total length. The 2003 commercial striped bass season begins on July 6th, with a 40 fish per vessel per day possession limit. Striped Bass may only be harvested by hook & line. They must be kept whole, with head, tail and body intact - mutilation (other than evisceration) is prohibited. Landings are allowed only on Sunday through Wednesday of each week until the quota is harvested. No commercial landings or possession of more than two fish per angler is allowed on Thursday through Saturday.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about striped bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

713 Striped Bass – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

Commercial Bass fishermen are required to submit a catch report detailing their fishing activities during the commercial season. The report asks for sub-legal and legal sized catch, as well as whether the catch was sold, released or consumed. In addition, for those fish sold, fishermen must list their transactions detailing the date, the dealer the fish was sold to (including dealer name and permit number) and the pounds per transaction. Note that fishermen may only sell striped bass to dealers authorized by the Division of Marine Fisheries to buy directly from fishermen. Fish sold to un-authorized dealers is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, unreported transactions may be grounds for loss of the striped bass endorsement on your license.

This report is sent out with the renewal license application at the end of the year and is due as a requirement to renew the license for the next year, regardless whether the license was fished or not. Please do not submit the report independently of your license renewal application unless you do not plan to renew the license.

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Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about striped bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

714 Striped Bass – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase striped bass directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying striped bass directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

Once authorized, a dealer must report their total pounds for each week to the Division's phone-based quota reporting system, otherwise known as Dial-a-Fish, at 1-800-532-3474. Note that every authorized dealer must report each week during the season even if they did not purchase any fish.

At the end of the striped bass commercial season, each dealer must submit a list of their transactions to the Division of Marine Fisheries, detailing transaction date, fisherman name and Massachusetts commercial permit number, and the total pounds bought per transaction. Dealers may use the sheets supplied with their authorizations, or provide a printout from in-house business software. If the transaction sheet is used, dealers should be sure to make copies of the blank in case more than one is needed over the course of the year. In either case, when submitting the transactions, be sure that this information is complete and legible. It is mandatory to list the Massachusetts commercial permit number of the fisherman for each transaction, not an in-house business identifier. This means that each dealer must confirm that they are buying fish from a Massachusetts commercial permit holder, which includes a striped bass endorsement and applies to the current year. Buying striped bass from fishermen who do not have a current Massachusetts commercial fishing permit with a striped bass endorsement is strictly prohibited.

If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Some states require striped bass to be tagged. Dealers shipping striped bass to these states are responsible for knowing the regulations of each state they are shipping to and acquiring tags on their own through Stoffel Seals Company. An order form will be sent to authorized striped bass dealers in the spring.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about striped bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

715 Striped Bass – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

The recreational minimum size for striped bass is 28 inches total length. Possession limit is 2 fish per day. The discard of dead, legal size striped bass is prohibited. To prohibit the practice of high-grading, recreational fishermen may not retain legal-sized striped bass and release said fish in favor of another larger legal-sized striped bass captured subsequently. It shall be unlawful to keep striped bass alive in the water by attaching a line or chain to the fish or placing the fish in a live well or holding car.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about striped bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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FLUKE

720 Fluke – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about summer flounder or fluke. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

- 1 for current quota levels and projected closing dates
 - 2 for commercial fishery regulations
 - 3 for commercial fishery reporting requirements
 - 4 for dealer reporting requirements
 - 5 for recreational fishery regulations
 - or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.
- You may simply hang up to exit.

721 Fluke – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:

This message was recorded on: July 11, 2003

The 2003 commercial quota for fluke in Massachusetts is 938,765 pounds. As of week ending July 5, landings have reached 387,853 pounds.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about fluke, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

722 Fluke – Commercial Fishery Regulations:

The commercial size limit for fluke is 14 inches total length.

Effective April 23, the trip limit is 100 lbs. per day per vessel for net gear until the end of squid season (May 31 or later if extended.)

Current regulations open the fluke summer season on June 10th, with a trip limit of 300 lbs. per day per vessel for net gear and 200 pounds per day per vessel for hook gear.

During summer fluke season, fluke may NOT be landed between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM, or on Friday or Saturday.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about fluke, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

723 Fluke – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

Commercial fishermen are required to submit a transaction report detailing their transactions with authorized dealers. If the fisherman is a federal permit holder and reported the transactions with dealers through the federal VTR program, then transactions do not need to be reported to the Division of Marine Fisheries, only a signed report indicating so. If the fisherman is not a federal permit holder, each transaction must be listed including the transaction date, the dealer the fish was sold to (including dealer name and permit number) and the pounds per transaction. Note that fishermen may only sell fluke to dealers authorized by the Division of Marine Fisheries to

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buy directly from fishermen. Fluke sold to un-authorized dealers is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, unreported transactions may be grounds for loss of the fluke endorsement on your license.

The fluke catch report is sent out with the renewal license application at the end of the year and is due as a requirement to renew the license for the next year. Even if you do not wish to renew your fluke endorsement, you must submit the report to renew the license. Furthermore, if you do not intend on renewing your license, the Division would appreciate it if you submit the report anyway.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about fluke, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

724 Fluke – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase fluke directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying fluke directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

Once authorized, a dealer must report their total pounds for each week to the Division's phone-based quota reporting system, otherwise known as Dial-a-Fish, at 1-800-532-3474. If a dealer has a federal dealer's permit, then written transactions are collected regularly by a National Marine Fisheries Service port agent. The only reason to submit transactions to the Division of Marine Fisheries is if the dealer does not have a federal permit. In this case, the dealer must submit a list of their transactions at the end of the season to the Division, detailing transaction date, fisherman name and Massachusetts commercial permit number, and the total pounds bought per transaction.

Dealers may use the sheets supplied with their authorizations, or provide a printout from in-house business software. If the transaction sheet is used, dealers should be sure to make copies of the blank in case more than one is needed over the course of the year. In either case, when submitting the transactions, be sure that this information is complete and legible. It is mandatory to list the Massachusetts commercial permit number of the fisherman for each transaction, not an in-house business identifier. This means that each dealer must confirm that they are buying fish from a Massachusetts commercial permit holder, which includes a fluke endorsement and applies to the current year. Buying fluke from fishermen who do not have a current Massachusetts commercial fishing permit with a fluke endorsement is strictly prohibited.

If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about fluke, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

725 Fluke – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

The recreational size limit for fluke is 16.5 inches total length, and the possession limit is 7 fish per day. There are no closed seasons.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about fluke, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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BLACK SEA BASS

730 Sea bass – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about black sea bass. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

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731 **Sea bass – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:**

This message was recorded on: July 11, 2003.

The annual black sea bass quota for Massachusetts is 428,849 lbs.

As of week ending July 5, landings have reached 300,972 lbs. Effective Tuesday, June 17 the commercial fishery is closed until August 1 when it will be re-opened.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about black sea bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

732 **Sea bass – Commercial Fishery Regulations:**

The commercial size limit for black sea bass is 12 inches. Note that the tail filament is not included in the length when measuring a black sea bass.

No commercial landings or possession of sea bass is allowed on Fridays or Saturdays.

During August 1 – December 31. The fishery re-opens with the daily limits of 500 lbs. for fishermen in the directed sea bass pot fishery and weir fishery; 100 lbs. in the commercial lobster trap fishery; and 200 lbs. for all other gears. The fishery will close for the year when 100% of the annual quota is projected to be reached.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about black sea bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

733 Sea bass – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

Only commercial pot fishermen holding a sea bass pot endorsement are required to submit an annual catch report to the Division of Marine Fisheries detailing pounds landed and pots fished by area and port of landing. The sea bass catch report is sent out with the renewal license application at the end of the year and is due as a requirement to renew the license for the next year. Even if you do not wish to renew your sea bass endorsement, you must submit the report to renew the license. Furthermore, if you do not intend on renewing your license, the Division would appreciate it if you submit the report anyway.

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Note that fishermen may only sell sea bass to dealers authorized by the Division of Marine Fisheries to buy directly from fishermen. Sea bass sold to un-authorized dealers is strictly prohibited.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about sea bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

734 Sea bass – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase sea bass directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying sea bass directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

Once authorized, a dealer must report their total pounds for each week to the Division's phone-based quota reporting system, otherwise known as Dial-a-Fish, at 1-800-532-3474. If a dealer has a federal dealer's permit, then written transactions are collected regularly by a National Marine Fisheries Service port agent. The only reason to submit transactions to the Division of Marine Fisheries is if the dealer does not have a federal permit. In this case, the dealer must submit a list of their transactions at the end of the season to the Division, detailing transaction date, fisherman name and Massachusetts commercial permit number, and the total pounds bought per transaction.

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If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about sea bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

735 Sea bass – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

The recreational size limit for sea bass is 12 inches, and the possession limit is 20 fish per day. The recreational season for sea bass is from May 10th to December 31st. The fishery is closed from January 1st through May 9th.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about sea bass, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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SCUP

740 Scup – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about scup. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

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 - or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.
- You may simply hang up to exit.

741 Scup – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:

This message was recorded on: July 11, 2003

The summer scup quota is 1,048,700 lbs. As of week ending July 5, landings have reached 251,069 pounds.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about scup, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

742 Scup – Commercial Fishery Regulations:

The commercial size limit for scup is 9 inches total length.

As of May 1st scup commercial fishing is open. Trawlers fishing for squid are allowed to catch and retain 300 lbs. of scup as long as the squid season is open. All fish weirs combined are subject to a quota of 225,000 lbs. Pot fishermen and hook-and-line fishermen are allowed 100 lbs. daily during the open fishing days for black sea bass. During the months of May through July, if the sea bass fishery is closed, then the possession of scup is prohibited for potters and hook-and-line fishermen.

On August 1, the directed fishery will open a 400 lb. possession limit for all gear types. No-fishing days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about scup, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

743 Scup – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

Only commercial pot fishermen holding a scup pot endorsement are required to submit an annual catch report to the Division of Marine Fisheries detailing pounds landed and pots fished by area and port of landing. The scup catch report is sent out with the renewal license application at the end of the year and is due as a requirement to renew the license for the next year. Even if you do not wish to renew your scup endorsement, you must submit the report to renew the license. Furthermore, if you do not intend on renewing your license, the Division would appreciate it if you submit the report anyway.

Note that fishermen may only sell scup to dealers authorized by the Division of Marine Fisheries to buy directly from fishermen. Scup sold to un-authorized dealers is strictly prohibited.

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744 Scup – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase scup directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying scup directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

Once authorized, a dealer must report their total pounds for each week to the Division's phone-based quota reporting system, otherwise known as Dial-a-Fish, at 1-800-532-3474. If a dealer has a federal dealer's permit, then written transactions are collected regularly by a National Marine Fisheries Service port agent. The only reason to submit transactions to the Division of Marine Fisheries is if the dealer does not have a federal permit. In this case, the dealer must submit a list of their transactions at the end of the season to the Division, detailing transaction date, fisherman name and Massachusetts commercial permit number, and the total pounds bought per transaction.

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If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about scup, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

745 Scup – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

The possession limit for anglers is 50 fish per day. However for anglers aboard private vessels, the total number of scup among all anglers shall not exceed 100 fish per day, regardless of the number of anglers on board.

The possession limit aboard for anglers aboard for-hire vessels will be 100 fish per angler per day.

The recreational season closes on October 7.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about scup, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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BLUEFISH

750 Bluefish – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about bluefish. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

- 1 for current quota levels and projected closing dates
 - 2 for commercial fishery regulations
 - 3 for commercial fishery reporting requirements
 - 4 for dealer reporting requirements
 - 5 for recreational fishery regulations
 - or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.
- You may simply hang up to exit.

751 Bluefish – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:

This message was recorded on: July 11, 2003

The 2003 bluefish quota in Massachusetts is 702,570 pounds, and the season opened as of January 1 for the entire year or until the quota is reached, whichever comes first. The trip limit is 5,000 pounds per day per vessel. Reported landings through week ending July 5, have reached 84,505 pounds, and a closure or trip limit reduction is not forecasted at this time.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about bluefish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

752 Bluefish – Commercial Fishery Regulations:

There is no commercial size limit for bluefish. Effective January 1, the trip limit is 5,000 pounds.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about bluefish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

753 Bluefish – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

There are no commercial fishery reporting requirements to the Division of Marine Fisheries for bluefish, except through specific gear related catch reports such as those required to be completed by fishermen fishing gillnets and fish weirs. Federal permit holders may have to comply with federal reporting requirements.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about bluefish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

754 Bluefish – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase bluefish directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying bluefish directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

Once authorized, a dealer must report their total pounds for each week to the Division's phone-based quota reporting system, otherwise known as Dial-a-Fish, at 1-800-532-3474. If a dealer has a federal dealer's permit,

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then written transactions are collected regularly by a National Marine Fisheries Service port agent. The only reason to submit transactions to the Division of Marine Fisheries is if the dealer does not have a federal permit. In this case, the dealer must submit a list of their transactions at the end of the season to the Division, detailing transaction date, fisherman name and Massachusetts commercial permit number, and the total pounds bought per transaction.

Dealers may use the sheets supplied with their authorizations, or provide a printout from in-house business software. If the transaction sheet is used, dealers should be sure to make copies of the blank in case more than one is needed over the course of the year. In either case, when submitting the transactions, be sure that this information is complete and legible. It is mandatory to list the Massachusetts commercial permit number of the fisherman for each transaction, not an in-house business identifier. This means that each dealer must confirm that they are buying fish from a Massachusetts commercial permit holder, which applies to the current year. Buying bluefish from fishermen who do not have a current Massachusetts commercial fishing permit is strictly prohibited.

If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about bluefish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

755 Bluefish – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

There is no recreational size limit for bluefish. The possession limit is 10 fish per day.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about bluefish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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DOGFISH

760 Dogfish – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about spiny dogfish. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

- 1 for current quota levels and projected closing dates
- 2 for commercial fishery regulations
- 3 for commercial fishery reporting requirements
- 4 for dealer reporting requirements
- 5 for recreational fishery regulations
- or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.

You may simply hang up to exit.

761 **Dogfish – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:**

This message was recorded on: May 7, 2003.

Effective May 1, 2003 there is a 600-lb. possession limit for all gear types. This regulation is consistent with current federal regulations for spiny dogfish.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about dogfish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

762 **Dogfish – Commercial Fishery Regulations:**

The 2003 dogfish fishery original opening date of May 1 has been postponed until later this year. A likely start for our small-scale fishery at 7,000 pounds per day will be mid-August. DMF will post any changes on this system and on the web site in the future.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about dogfish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

763 Dogfish – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

There are no commercial fishery reporting requirements to the Division of Marine Fisheries for dogfish, except through specific gear related catch reports such as those required to be completed by fishermen fishing gillnets. Federal permit holders may have to comply with federal reporting requirements.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about dogfish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

764 Dogfish – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase dogfish directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying dogfish directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

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If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

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765 Dogfish – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

There is no recreational size limit for dogfish.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about dogfish, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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SQUID

770 Squid – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about loligo and illex squid. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

1 for current quota levels and projected closing dates

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3 for commercial fishery reporting requirements

4 for dealer reporting requirements

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or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.

You may simply hang up to exit.

771 Squid – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:

This message was recorded on: July 11, 2003

Both loligo and illex squid are monitored by the federal government coast-wide. The loligo squid quota for period III is 6,435,241 pounds. Through week ending July 5, federal quota monitoring shows landings at 21,883 pounds.

The 2003 Illex squid quota is 52,912,320 pounds. Through week ending July 5, federal quota monitoring shows landings at 2,506,630 pounds. A trip limit reduction is not forecasted at this time.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about squid, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

772 Squid – Commercial Fishery Regulations:

For federal permit holders, the directed fishery for loligo squid will close during quarters 1 through 3 when 80% of the quarterly quota is harvested. During the 4th quarter the fishery will close when 95% of the entire coastwide annual quota is harvested.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about squid, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

773 Squid – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

There are no commercial fishery reporting requirements to the Division of Marine Fisheries for squid. Federal permit holders may have to comply with federal reporting requirements.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about squid, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

774 Squid – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase squid directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying squid directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

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Dealers may use the sheets supplied with their authorizations, or provide a printout from in-house business software. If the transaction sheet is used, dealers should be sure to make copies of the blank in case more than one is needed over the course of the year. In either case, when submitting the transactions, be sure that this information is complete and legible. It is mandatory to list the Massachusetts commercial permit number of the fisherman for each transaction, not an in-house business identifier. This means that each dealer must confirm that they are buying squid from a Massachusetts commercial permit holder, which applies to the current year. Buying squid from fishermen who do not have a current Massachusetts commercial fishing permit is strictly prohibited.

If no squid were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about squid, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

775 Squid – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

There are no recreational regulations for squid.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about squid, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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COD & HADDOCK

780 Cod & Haddock – Top Level:

This is the menu to hear information about cod and haddock. At any time after choosing one of the following six options, you may press 1 to replay the message, 2 to return to this menu or 3 to choose another species. Press:

- 1 for current quota levels and projected closing dates
 - 2 for commercial fishery regulations
 - 3 for commercial fishery reporting requirements
 - 4 for dealer reporting requirements
 - 5 for recreational fishery regulations
 - or 6 to find out information on other quota managed species.
- You may simply hang up to exit.

781 Cod & haddock – Current Quota Levels & Projected Closing Dates:

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The commercial quotas for cod and haddock are monitored by the federal government. Visit the web site for the Northeast Regional Office of the National Marine Fisheries Service at www.nero.nmfs.gov for current quota levels.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about cod & haddock, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

782 Cod & haddock – Commercial Fishery Regulations:

The commercial size limit for haddock is 19 inches total length. The commercial size limit for cod is 22 inches, total length.

For 2003, waters will be closed from Plymouth to the NH border during April and May. And during June waters north of Marblehead to the NH border will be closed as well.

The Division of Marine Fisheries has enacted complementary closures for nearly all the federal groundfish seasonal or area closures and these can be viewed at the web site for the Northeast Regional Office of the National Marine Fisheries Service at www.nero.noaa.gov, as well as the state's web site which is www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about cod & haddock, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

783 Cod & haddock – Commercial Fishery Reporting Requirements:

There are no commercial fishery reporting requirements to the Division of Marine Fisheries for cod & haddock, except through specific gear related catch reports such as those required to be completed by fishermen fishing gillnets. Federal permit holders may have to comply with federal reporting requirements.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about cod & haddock, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

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784 Cod & haddock – Dealer Reporting Requirements:

Dealers who wish to purchase cod & haddock directly from fishermen must receive authorization to do so from the Division of Marine Fisheries. Buying cod & haddock directly from fishermen without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

Once authorized, a dealer must report their total pounds for each week to the Division's phone-based quota reporting system, otherwise known as Dial-a-Fish, at 1-800-532-3474. If a dealer has a federal dealer's permit, then written transactions are collected regularly by a National Marine Fisheries Service port agent. The only reason to submit transactions to the Division of Marine Fisheries is if the dealer does not have a federal permit. In this case, the dealer must submit a list of their transactions at the end of the season to the Division, detailing transaction date, fisherman name and Massachusetts commercial permit number, and the total pounds bought per transaction.

Dealers may use the sheets supplied with their authorizations, or provide a printout from in-house business software. If the transaction sheet is used, dealers should be sure to make copies of the blank in case more than one is needed over the course of the year. In either case, when submitting the transactions, be sure that this information is complete and legible. It is mandatory to list the Massachusetts commercial permit number of the fisherman for each transaction, not an in-house business identifier. This means that each dealer must confirm that they are buying fish from a Massachusetts commercial permit holder, which applies to the current year. Buying cod and/or haddock from fishermen who do not have a current Massachusetts commercial fishing permit is strictly prohibited.

If no fish were purchased at all during the season, a signed transaction sheet confirming such is still required. Failure to submit a transaction sheet at the end of the season will delay the renewal of your dealer's license for the next year.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about cod & haddock, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.

785 Cod & haddock – Recreational Fishery Regulations:

The recreational size limit for haddock is 21 inches total length; and for cod is 23 inches. The daily bag limit is 10 cod per day during April – November and 5 cod during December through March. There is no haddock bag limit.

Press 1 to hear this message again, 2 to hear other options about cod & haddock, 3 to hear options about other species, or simply hang up to exit.